Claims

- 1. Optical module with
 - a circuit carrier (10);
 - A housed semiconductor element (12) arranged on the circuit carrier (10); and
 - a lens unit (14;16, 18, 20; 21) for projecting electromagnetic radiation along an optical axis (33) onto the semiconductor element (12); with the housed semiconductor element (12) and the lens unit (14;16, 18, 20; 21) being embodied as two components;

characterized in that,

- at least one spacer element (35) is arranged outside the optical axis (33) between the package (13) of the semiconductor element (12) and the lens unit (14;16, 18, 20; 21).
- Optical module in accordance with claim 1, characterized in that the spacer element (35) is embodied as a foil or a washer, for example in the shape of a circular washer.
- 3. Optical module in accordance with claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the spacer element (35) is a punched part
- 4. Optical module in accordance with one of the claims 1 to 3, characterized in that, the spacer element (35) is embodied as adhesive on at least one side, preferably on both sides.
- 5. Optical module in accordance with one of the previous claims,

characterized in that the spacer element (35) is part of a set of elements (a, b, c, ...).

- 6. Optical module in accordance with claim 5, characterized in that the set of elements (a, b, c, ...) comprises two or more spacer elements (35a, 35b, 35c, ...) with a uniform basic thickness and different nominal thicknesses increasing or reducing this thickness in each case.
- 7. Optical module in accordance with claim 5 or 6, characterized in that the set of elements (a, b, c, ...) comprises spacer elements with nominal dimension changes from +/- 0.005 mm or +/- 0.01 mm to +/- 0.03 mm.
- 8. Optical module in accordance with one of the previous claims,

characterized in that at least one spacer element (35) is simultaneously embodied as a diaphragm or lens hood.

9. Optical module in accordance with one of the previous claims,

characterized in that the spacer element (35) is made from a plastic, for example from a thermoplastic material.

10. Optical system with an optical module in accordance with one of the previous claims.